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# News Release

## **Local Chinese restaurant owner criminally charged with encouraging illegal aliens to reside in the U.S.**

CINCINNATI — A Chinese restaurant owner was criminally charged here on Thursday in U.S. District Court with encouraging or inducing aliens to illegally reside in the United States, following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Jing Fei Jiang, 36, a citizen of China, owns and operates Bee's Buffet in Fairfield, Ohio. ICE special agents from the Cincinnati office, assisted by the Fairfield Police Department, executed federal search warrants at Jiang's residence and place of business on June 5 and arrested 10 individuals suspected of immigration law violations.

In addition to Jiang, six other aliens were found to be illegally in the United States. Those arrested include: Minhua Zheng, 23; Han Bin Yi, 53; Wen Daun Zou, 23; Guillermo Gonzales-Gomez, 24; Jesus Gutierrez-Flores, 57; and Lorenzo Rodriguez-Mateos, 47. The remaining three individuals were found to either have cases on appeal or immigration benefits pending.

According to the criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, during an interview conducted with the assistance of a Mandarin Chinese speaker, Jiang admitted to housing, transporting, and employing the individuals identified.

"No matter how large or how small the company, ICE has no tolerance for individuals who use illegal aliens in their workforce," said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent-in-charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Detroit. "ICE will use all the tools within our arsenal to bring employers to justice that engage in this type of criminal activity." Moskowitz' area of operations includes the States of Michigan and Ohio.

Jiang was ordered deported from the U.S. by a federal immigration judge in December 1990 after he failed to appear for his immigration hearing. He has since been living illegally in the United States.

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

In fiscal year 2005, ICE initiated 511 criminal worksite investigations nationwide. These cases resulted in 176 criminal arrests, 140 criminal indictments and 127 criminal convictions. Through May of fiscal year 2006, ICE has launched more than 219 criminal worksite investigations. These cases have resulted in 382 criminal arrests, 82 criminal indictments, and 80 criminal convictions. Furthermore, these efforts have resulted in the arrest of 2,100 individuals on administrative immigration violations.

A charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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